



License Agent News



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(888) DFG-CALTIP or (888) 334-2258
to report a poaching or
polluting incident.



2004 INITIAL ORDER OF SPORT FISHING ITEMS

Enclosed is your initial shipment of 2004 sport fishing items. Check your shipment carefully! If you find a discrepancy, fax or mail a copy of the shipping report, to the Department's License Agent Order Desk, listing the discrepancies (i.e., missing books, books not listed on the shipping report, defective books) within five (5) business days of receipt of the order. Claims of missing licenses will only be allowed if they are noted upon receipt and reported to the License Agent Order Desk within five (5) business days.

IMPORTANT: License orders **will not** be processed on December 24, December 25 and December 26, 2003, or on January 2, 2004. Please check your license inventory and plan accordingly.

WHAT'S NEW FOR 2004

Beginning January 1, 2004, several changes to the sport fishing program will take effect. Due to the current State budget situation many of the fees for 2004 were increased by more than the annual cost of living adjustment. In addition, licensing privileges were restructured. The increased revenue will allow the Department to continue providing the most critical services to fulfill the Department's mission of managing California's fish, wildlife and plant resources and the habitats upon which they depend. The 2004 licenses and fees are printed on the back of this newsletter.

Items Created

- One-Day Sport Fishing License. Resident or nonresident anglers can fish in ocean and inland waters with this license and are exempt from obtaining an ocean enhancement stamp.
- Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp. All anglers fishing in the San Francisco Bay Delta district will be required to purchase this stamp regardless of the type of sport fishing license they purchase. The Fish and Game Commission will adopt regulations defining the area where a Bay-Delta Sport Fishing Enhancement Stamp will be required. The Department will notify License Agents with this information in an upcoming License Agent Newsletter.

Items Eliminated

- Annual Resident Pacific Ocean Only License.
- One-Day Pacific Ocean Only License.
- One-Day Pacific Ocean Only License with Ocean Enhancement Stamp.
- Striped Bass Stamp.

ANGLER SURVEY

The Department needs your help to develop an angler database to conduct surveys of sport anglers in California. The Department plans to create a licensee database using the names and telephone numbers of anglers who purchase a 2004 Resident, Nonresident, One-Day, Two-Day, or Ten-Day Nonresident sport fishing license.

Beginning with the 2004 license year, License Agents are being asked to capture the name and telephone number of one angler per license book. License books have been redesigned to include a space to collect this information which will be returned to the Department after the book is sold. Licensee information will be provided to Department biologists to conduct the surveys.

While this will increase the amount of time spent issuing a sport fishing license, the long term benefits to anglers may be significant. Information gathered from surveys will allow the Department to more accurately estimate angler effort and harvest rates. Providing accurate estimates of angler effort and harvest rates will allow the Department to more effectively manage fisheries and in some cases may even provide data supporting increased seasons or bag limits.

Angler participation is voluntary. Please note that all personal information provided by the angler is considered confidential and will only be used to contact anglers to conduct fishing surveys.

During 2004, the focus will be on contacting anglers who fish in ocean or saltwater. In the future, the Department may also survey freshwater anglers.

If you would like more information about the angler surveys, please contact Mr. Steve Crooke, of the Department's Marine Region, at (562) 342-7195 or e-mail SCrooke@dfg.ca.gov.

Thank you in advance for your efforts to assist the Department in surveying our customers.

ABALONE REPORT CARDS AVAILABLE MARCH 2004

2004 Abalone Report Cards will not be available until March. The Department anticipates changes in abalone regulations for 2004. The Fish and Game Commission may adopt regulations that change the requirements for completing abalone report cards.

Please Note: Duplicate Abalone Report Cards may be issued only from Department of Fish and Game offices. No person may be issued or possess more than one Abalone Report Card per license year.

(Section 29.15(h), Title 14, California Code of Regulations)

JUST A REMINDER.....

Check your license inventory often and allow 10 days for delivery of license orders.

Next day air service and Saturday delivery for license orders is not available.

All walk-in business for License Agents including picking up orders and dropping off sales reports has been discontinued.

REDUCED HOURS AT DEPARTMENT LICENSE SALES COUNTERS

Due to budget and personnel reductions some Department offices will be reducing their license sales counter hours. The Department's License and Revenue Branch will be open from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Monday through Friday excluding holidays. Please be aware that additional staff reductions may reduce hours further. Department office hours are posted on the internet at www.dfg.ca.gov/licensing/officelocation.html.

COMING SOON — NEW LICENSE AGENT AGREEMENTS & MANUALS

The Department is in the process of revising its License Agent Manual (LAM) to provide clear and concise policies, procedures and guidelines for License Agents. The new LAM will be mailed in January of 2004 with a new License Agent Agreement. License Agents will have 30 days to complete and return the new License Agent Agreement to the License and Revenue Branch in Sacramento. The Department will suspend license orders for those License Agents that do not return the License Agent Agreement.

FREE AND REDUCED-FEE SPORT FISHING LICENSE APPLICATIONS

Free and Reduced-Fee Sport Fishing License applications will be available upon request from the License Agent Order Desk. These licenses will be issued by mail only from Department of Fish and Game offices. To qualify for a free or reduced-fee sport fishing license, applicants must meet specific criteria. Please note that free or reduced-fee sport fishing licenses **are not** available for persons based solely on age.

DUPLICATE SPORT FISHING LICENSES

When issuing a Duplicate Sport Fishing License be sure to write the original license number from the Application for Duplicate License in the space provided on the duplicate license. Completely fill out the Duplicate Sport Fishing License. The Application for Duplicate License must be collected and stapled to the license book for return to the License and Revenue Branch. The instructions for issuing duplicate licenses can be found on the inside back cover of the duplicate sport fishing license book.

HOLIDAY GIFT ENVELOPES

Holiday gift envelopes are a nice way to present a sport fishing license as a gift. A limited supply of holiday gift envelopes is included with your initial shipment of sport fishing items. Unfortunately, additional envelopes will not be available for reorder.

IT'S THE LAW

License Issuance Requirements

When issuing hunting and fishing licenses, you must enter the date issued and the licensee's name, residence address, date of birth and physical description, except:

When someone buys a license for another person, you must write in the other person's name and residence address before issuing the license. The licensee may not use the license until he/she has signed it and filled in the missing information (physical description and date of birth). (Section 705 and 707, Title 14, California Code of Regulations)

Steelhead Report Card Return is Now Mandatory

Anglers are required to return their 2003 Steelhead Report Cards to the Department by January 31, 2004. Mail cards to the address printed on the front of the card. Enclosed is a flyer reminding anglers to return their Steelhead Report Cards. Please post this flyer where anglers can read it. (Fish and Game Code, Section 7380)

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Department offices will be closed for the following State holidays so please plan accordingly:

November 27 & 28, 2003	May 31, 2004
January 1, 2004	July 5, 2004
January 19, 2004	September 6, 2004
February 12, 2004	October 11, 2004
February 16, 2004	November 11, 2004
March 31, 2004	November 25 & 26, 2004

**PLEASE SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH YOUR LICENSE SALES
EMPLOYEES TO BETTER SERVE YOUR CUSTOMERS.**



State of California
Department of Fish and Game

Sport Fishing Licenses

FEES

VALID JANUARY 1, 2004 THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 2004

ANNUAL LICENSES

Resident	\$32.80
Nonresident	88.20
Duplicate	6.55

SHORT TERM LICENSES

One-Day	\$10.50
Two-Day	16.55
Ten-Day Nonresident	32.80

STAMPS

Second-Rod Stamp	\$10.00
Bay-Delta Enhancement Stamp	5.25
Ocean Enhancement Stamp	3.70
Colorado River Stamp	3.00

CARDS

Abalone Report Card	\$15.75
Sport Salmon Punch Card	1.05
Steelhead Report Card	5.25

LICENSES NOT REQUIRED FOR PERSONS UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE



AUTHORIZED LICENSE AGENT

Your License Purchase Supports Conservation and Management of California's Fisheries.

To Report Hunting, Fishing, or Pollution Violations Call 1-888-DFG-CALTIP (1-888-334-2258)